

Temperatures likely to reach 100 this week in Anderson

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ANDERSON COUNTY — July ended with above-normal temperatures, and this week's forecast suggests August will begin even hotter for the Anderson area.

The National Weather Service predicts a hot, dry week, following a similar trend that carried through June and July. Monday's high is predicted at 95 degrees with a 30 percent chance of rain during the day, and a 20 percent chance at night, said Scott Crentz, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service.

High temperatures rise throughout the week, capping on Wednesday, when they could easily top 100 degrees.

"It's going to be back to the furnace, really warm," Crentz said.

The heat index will likely make the day feel even hotter, but that depends on how much moisture is in the air, Crentz said.

There's not much of a chance of moisture later this week; the best chance of widespread showers was on Sunday.

"Once we get through tonight, we're going to dry up pretty much all the way through Wednesday night," Crentz said Sunday.

There's no heat relief in sight for much of August, he said, according to predications by the Climate Prediction Center.

"August, as least the first half of August, looks pretty warm," he said.

But if weather follows current patterns, a brief break from steamy weather is possible later this month.

"I imagine once we get through the first half of August there might be some storm systems that bring cool air our way, at least temporarily," Crentz said.

Hartwell Lake, remains at 656 feet, the same as two weeks ago, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Other lakes, however, are down. Lake Jocassee is 9 feet below target level, and Lake Keowee is 3 feet below target.

